

CLAIMS

1. A preventive or therapeutic agent for sensitized T cell-mediated diseases comprising an interleukin-6 (IL-6) antagonist as an active ingredient.
- 5 2. The preventive or therapeutic agent according to claim 1, wherein the IL-6 antagonist is an antibody directed against IL-6 receptor.
3. The preventive or therapeutic agent according to claim 2, wherein the IL-6 antagonist is a monoclonal antibody directed against IL-6 receptor.
- 10 4. The preventive or therapeutic agent according to claim 3, wherein the IL-6 antagonist is a monoclonal antibody directed against human IL-6 receptor.
5. The preventive or therapeutic agent according to claim 3, wherein the IL-6 antagonist is a monoclonal antibody directed against mouse IL-6 receptor.
- 15 6. The preventive or therapeutic agent according to claim 4, wherein the IL-6 antagonist is PM-1 antibody.
7. The preventive or therapeutic agent according to claim 5, wherein the IL-6 antagonist is MR16-1 antibody.
- 20 8. The preventive or therapeutic agent according to claim 4, wherein the IL-6 antagonist is an antibody directed against IL-6 receptor having the constant region of human antibody.
- 25 9. The preventive or therapeutic agent according to claim 4, wherein the IL-6 antagonist is a chimeric or humanized antibody directed against IL-6 receptor.
10. The preventive or therapeutic agent according to claim 9, wherein the IL-6 antagonist is humanized PM-1 antibody.
- 30 11. The preventive or therapeutic agent according to any of claims 1 to 10, wherein the sensitized T cell-mediated diseases are multiple sclerosis, uveitis, chronic thyroiditis, delayed hypersensitivity, contact dermatitis, or atopic dermatitis.
- 35 12. A sensitized T cell suppressive agent

comprising an IL-6 antagonist as an active ingredient.

13. A sensitized T cell suppressive agent comprising antibody directed against IL-6 receptor as an active ingredient.

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